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**REQUEST FOR CONTINUATION APPLICATION  
UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b)**

**MS: Patent Application**  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

January 28, 2004

Sir:

This is a request for filing a continuation application under 37 CFR §1.53(b) of pending prior application Serial No. 10/023,660 filed on December 21, 2001, entitled DISK DRIVE AND COMPUTER, by all of the inventors named in the prior application.

1. Enclosed is a copy of the prior application, including the Declaration as originally filed.
  2. The Filing Fee is calculated below:

CLAIMS AS FILED IN THE PRIOR APPLICATION  
LESS ANY CLAIMS CANCELED BY ACCOMPANYING PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT  
PLUS ANY CLAIMS ADDED BY ACCOMPANYING PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

3. A credit card payment form including the amount of \$1054.00 is enclosed to cover the Filing Fee.

4. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-1417.

5. New drawings are enclosed, twenty-eight (28) sheets, Figs. 1-31.

6. The power of attorney is set forth in the Declaration in the prior application or an associate power of attorney is hereby granted to:

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**Please associate this application with Customer No. 24956.**

7. The prior application is assigned to Hitachi, Ltd. and Hitachi ULSI Systems Co., Ltd.

10. Priority of the following Japanese Applications is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119:

No. 8-89613, filed April 11, 1996; and  
No. 8-240401, filed September 11, 1996.

The undersigned hereby declares that no matter contained in the specification, including the claims, and drawings filed in the present continuation application would have been new matter in the prior application Serial No. 10/023,660 as originally filed.



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